

May 54

BACKGROUND DATA
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IVAN DOCHEV

Date & Place of Birth: 7 January 1906; Shumen, Bulgaria

Date of Escape: In September of 1944 fled to Austria

Present Address: Toronto, Canada

Present Occupation: Owns a trucking business with another Bulgarian partner
Edits Bulgarian newspaper "People's Voice"

Languages: Bulgarian (Native Tongue); German & English (Good enough to exist)

Education: Graduate of University of Sofia Law School
PhD at the University of Heidelberg

Marital Status: Married Maria Selvelieva in 1935

Religion: Greek Orthodox

Employment History:

- 1925-31 - Clerk in Obshtina Administration
- University of Sofia
- 1934-35 - Interned by the 9th Right Wing May power in Zlatograd
- 1936-37 - Jailed for being leader of National Legion
- 1938-41 - Completing law exams & practicing law
- 1941-43 - Mayor of Silistra
- 1943-44 - Secty Gen of Bulgarian Agrarian Association
- 1946-47 - CID (Salzburg, Munich)
- 1948 - CIC (Bad Reichenhall); Completed doctorate Heidelberg Univ.
- 1948-50 - Worked for Information Service of American Occupation Forces
- May 1951 - Arrived in Canada

Political Affiliations:

In Bulgaria:

- Bulgarian People's Agrarian Union (Outlawed in 1938)
- Bulgarian National Legion (Outlawed 1938. Dochev Sec-general)

Outside Bulgaria:

- Bulgarian National Front (See Attachment for run-down on the BNF)

Operational Data:

POA granted May 54 for contact to determine possibilities for ops use and to establish answers to questions relative to his background. *See May 54* *re: newspaper*
BGCNVOY authorized funds \$

BULGARIAN NATIONAL FRONT

ORGANIZATION:

1. Headed by an executive committee of three -
DOCHEV - Responsible for organisational work and to all
intents and purposes the leader of the BNF
VULCHEV - Propaganda Department
STATEV - Handles relations with other organisations and groups
2. Organisational meeting held December 1949 in Munich
3. Estimated 15-1600 active members selected from post 1944 and
World War II emigres.

PROGRAM:

1. Liberation of Bulgaria from Communism
2. Restoration of Tirmovo Constitution (Monarchist leaning)
3. Win friends in the Western World